

# PRIVATE ACTS OF THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fourth day of December, 1854, and ended on Saturday, the third day of March, 1855.*

FRANKLIN PIERCE, President. JESSE D. BRIGHT, President of the Senate, *pro tempore*. LINN BOYD, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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### CHAP. II. — *An Act for the Relief of Jacob McLellan.*

Dec. 14, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be paid to Jacob McLellan, his heirs or assigns, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, it being part of a penalty imposed upon the ship George Turner, and paid by the said McLellan, in December, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, for an alleged violation of the laws of the United States restricting the number of passengers in merchant vessels.

\$450 to be re-  
funded to Jacob  
McLellan.

APPROVED, December 14, 1854.

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### CHAP. III. — *An Act for the Relief of Isaac M. Sigler, of Putnam County, Indiana.*

Dec. 14, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, directed to place the name of Isaac M. Sigler, of Putnam county, Indiana, on the list of invalid pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the first day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Isaac M. Sig-  
ler to be placed  
on pension roll,  
at \$8 per month,  
from April 1,  
1854.

APPROVED, December 14, 1854.

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### CHAP. IV. — *An Act for the Relief of Enoch S. More.*

Dec. 15, 1854.

*Whereas* the rolls of Captain Abraham Matteson, of the New York militia, show that Enoch S. More deserted in eighteen hundred and twelve, and satisfactory evidence has been filed in the Pension-office, that said Enoch S. More, instead of having deserted, as shown by said roll, was absent on furlough, and sick, at the time aforesaid; and whereas, on an investigation of the said evidence, by the Commissioner of Pensions, it was deemed sufficient to grant him an invalid pension: Now, therefore, in order to enable him to get a bounty of land under the act of September twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty, and to correct said roll —

Preamble as to  
error in army  
rolls, in stating  
that Enoch S.  
More deserted.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of Pensions be, and he is hereby, directed to correct the said roll, by erasing the

Roll to be cor-  
rected.

words thereon which imply that the said Enoch S. More deserted, and insert in lieu thereof the words "sick and absent on furlough."

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall vest in the said Enoch S. More all the rights he would have had if he had continued in good health and served in said company according to the terms of his enlistment.

APPROVED, December 15, 1854.

Dec. 19, 1854.

CHAP. VIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Thomas Ellis.*

Thomas Ellis to be placed on pension roll for life, at \$8 per month, from May 11, 1852.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to place the name of Thomas Ellis, of Platte county, in the State of Missouri, upon the roll of invalid pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the eleventh day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, during his life.

APPROVED, December 19, 1854.

Dec. 21, 1854.

CHAP. IX. — *An Act for the Relief of James S. Graham and Walter H. Finnall.*

\$3,000 to be paid to James S. Graham and Walter H. Finnall, for damages for abandonment of a post-office contract.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to James S. Graham and Walter H. Finnall the sum of three thousand dollars, as compensation in full for the losses sustained by said Graham and Finnall, by reason of the abandonment, by the Postmaster-General, of two contracts made by that officer with them, for the transportation of the mail from Washington to Fredericksburg, and from Fredericksburg to Richmond, which contracts bear date the third day of December, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, December 21, 1854.

Dec. 22, 1854.

CHAP. XI. — *An Act for the Relief of Brigadier-General John E. Wool.*

Double rations to be allowed Gen. Wool, from July 21, 1821, to March 3, 1833.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to allow to Brigadier-General John E. Wool, Inspector-General of the United States army, double rations, from the twenty-first of July, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, to the third of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, being the same as have been allowed by the War Department to other officers of the staff; and when the amount is ascertained, to pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, December 22, 1854.

Dec. 22, 1854.

CHAP. XII. — *An Act to change the Name of the American-built Brig Como to that of Jehossee, and to grant her a new Register.*

Register to issue to the "Como," under the name of "Jehossee."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the collector of the customs of the port of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, be, and he is hereby, authorized, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to admit to register, under the name and title of the "Jehossee," the American-built brig now owned by Hugh E. Vincent and Daniel B. Vincent, of said Charleston, and known as the "Como."

APPROVED, December 22, 1854.

CHAP. XIII. — *An Act supplemental to an Act therein mentioned.*

Dec. 22, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That it shall be the duty of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, under the provisions of the act of Congress for the relief of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased, approved April twelfth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, to reëxamine the said case, and to allow the claimants the benefit of the testimony heretofore marked "rejected for the want of authentication," provided the same is now legally authenticated by the executive of Alabama, the adjustment to be made in strict accordance with the act herein above referred to, and to which this act is barely supplemental.

Case of George Fisher to be re-examined.

1848, ch. 30.

APPROVED, December 22, 1854.

CHAP. XIV. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a Register to the Schooner "Sarah."*

Dec. 22, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized to issue a register to the British-built schooner "Sarah," of fifty tons burden, wrecked near the District of Passamaquoddy: *Provided,* it shall be made to appear satisfactorily to the secretary, that the owners of said schooner have expended upon said vessel three fourths of her value, in repairs.

Register to issue to the Sarah, on certain terms.

APPROVED, December 22, 1854.

CHAP. XVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Mary Rutherford, Widow of Samuel Rutherford.*

Dec. 27, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be instructed to place the name of Mary Rutherford, widow of Samuel Rutherford, upon the roll of invalid pensions, and to pay her a pension, at the rate of four dollars per month, for the period of five years, commencing on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Mary Rutherford to be placed on the pension roll, at \$4 per month, for 5 years from Jan. 1, 1854.

APPROVED, December 27, 1854.

CHAP. XVII. — *An Act for the Relief of James Butler.*

Dec. 27, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of James Butler upon the roll of invalid pensions, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

James Butler to be placed on the pension roll, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854.

APPROVED, December 27, 1854.

CHAP. XXII. — *An Act authorizing the Washington Gas-light Company to increase the Capital Stock of said Company.*

Jan. 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the "Washington Gas-light Company" be, and the same hereby is, authorized to increase the capital stock thereof one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Increase of capital stock authorized.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said stock shall be subscribed on the books of said company in shares of twenty dollars, and the holders of the said increased certificates of stock shall be held subject to the same liability as is provided in the eleventh section of the original act of incorporation, approved July eight, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

Subscription how made.

Liability of stockholders. 1848, ch. 96

APPROVED, January 3, 1855.

Jan. 3, 1855.

CHAP. XXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Herman Chittenden.*

Herman Chittenden to be placed on pension roll for life, at \$8 per month, from March 1, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, required to place the name of Herman Chittenden upon the pension roll, and cause to be paid to him the sum of eight dollars per month so long as he shall live, commencing March first, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, January 3, 1855.

Jan. 10, 1855.

CHAP. XXVI. — *An Act to Incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.*

Corporate name.

General powers.

Purpose of the corporation.

Capital stock.

Notes to be on demand and to be a lien.

How such lien is to be effectuated.

All insured to be members.

Withdrawal of insured.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Ulysses Ward, Thomas Blagden, F. Howard, J. C. McKelden, John Van Reswick, P. W. Brown- ing, and Matthew G. Emery, and their present and future associates, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Co- lumbia;" and by the same name shall have perpetual succession; and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and equity in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; and to make and to have a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew at pleasure; to ordain and establish such by-laws, ordinances, and regula- tions, and generally to do such acts and things as are or may be necessary to carry into effect this act and promote the objects and designs of this corporation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the purposes and designs of this corporation shall be to insure the respective dwelling-houses and other buildings, furniture, and every description of property of the mem- bers thereof, against loss or damage by fire.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the capital stock of this com- pany shall consist of the premium notes given by the insured, and of the cash paid in as interest on said premium notes, which cash shall never exceed twenty thousand dollars. Said notes shall be payable on demand, and shall constitute and be a lien to the amount thereof, respectively, upon all buildings insured by said company, and the land upon which they stand, and the appurtenances to such land, and upon the estate and interest, legal or equitable, of the assured in such buildings, lands, and appurtenances, and upon the other property insured by said company in consideration thereof: *Provided,* That said company shall file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the District of Columbia a memorandum of the name of the individual insured, a description of the property, and the amount of the premium note unpaid; and the said note, upon the filing of said memorandum, shall be deemed and taken to be in all respects as a judgment entered upon confession by virtue of a warrant of attorney, and execution may at any time be had thereon for so much as by virtue of the provisions of this act may be due and demecanable; but the lien thereof shall commence with the filing of the memorandum in the said office: *Provided,* That such lien shall not be construed to take from such person insured as aforesaid the privilege of a freholder: *Pro- vided, further,* That the privileges, immunities, and franchises granted by this act shall be confined to the District of Columbia.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all persons who shall hereafter insure with said corporation, and also their heirs, executors, administra- tors, and assigns, continuing to be insured by said corporation, shall thereby become members thereof during the period they shall remain insured by said corporation, and no longer.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That any member of the said cor- poration shall have full power to withdraw therefrom at any time by

applying to the proper officer thereof and paying any arrearages of assessments that he may then owe the company, when the said officer shall cancel such insurance or insurances as may be in the name of the person or persons so withdrawing; and also cancel such premium note or notes for which said person is responsible, and return any amount of money which may be due said person on the books of the company; and such person shall be debarred from all claim on this company for any loss or damage by fire, subsequent to the time of such withdrawal and the cancelling such insurance: *Provided*, That such premium note or notes shall not be cancelled or in any manner discharged or given up until all such arrearages are paid, and also all assessments thereupon to be thereafter made on account of liabilities of the company incurred before or at the time of such withdrawal.

Proviso.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the affairs of said corporation shall be conducted by a board consisting of seven managers, to be elected at the annual meetings of the members, and to continue in office until successors are chosen; not less than a majority of whom shall be a quorum to do business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time. Vacancies happening in said board may be filled by the remaining managers for the remainder of the year for which they were elected. The board shall choose one of their number as president, and appoint a secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary for conducting the affairs of said corporation.

Board of managers.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the persons named in this act be, and they are hereby, appointed a board of managers of the said mutual insurance company, until the first annual meeting, and until their successors are chosen, as herein provided; and such of them as shall be present at their first meeting may proceed to organize, by electing a president and secretary thereof, and as soon thereafter as practicable, adopt by-laws, provide the necessary books, and otherwise prepare the company for the transaction of business, and, when so prepared, to exercise a general superintendence of the affairs of the company: *Provided*, That the said by-laws shall only be made by the concurrent vote of at least two thirds of the whole board of managers, exclusive of the president; and any alteration or amendment shall only be made by a general meeting of the members of the company, at any annual meeting, and two thirds of the votes shall decide; and any alteration thus made, shall be binding on all the members of the company.

Corporators to be the first board.

President and secretary.

By-laws.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the managers may determine the rates of insurance, the sum to be insured, and the rate of interest to be paid upon the deposit notes, provided it shall not exceed six per centum per annum; but no more than five thousand dollars shall be insured on any one risk, unless the premium notes shall amount to over one hundred thousand dollars, and in that case no risk to exceed five per centum on the whole amount of premium notes.

Power of managers.

Limitation on amount of policies.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That every person who shall become a member of said corporation by effecting insurance therein, shall, before he receives a policy, deposit his promissory note for such sum and upon such interest, not exceeding six per centum per annum, as may be determined by the managers; and said note, and all interest paid thereon, shall be liable, in part or the whole, at any time, when the managers shall deem the same requisite for the payment of losses and such incidental expenses as may be necessary for transacting the business of said company, in proportion to the amount of said notes.

Premium notes.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That suits may be commenced by any member against this corporation for damages sustained by fire, if payment is withheld for more than sixty days after the company are duly notified of the same; and no member of this corporation, not being in his individual capacity a party to such suit, shall be incompetent as a witness in such suit on account of his being a member of said company.

Suits for losses.

Members competent as witnesses.

Assessments on notes.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever the managers shall deem it necessary, for the purpose of paying losses, or the current expenses of said company, or both, to call for the payment of any portion of the principal of the deposit notes, they shall settle and determine the sum to be paid by the several members of said company, which shall always be in proportion to the original amount of the respective deposit notes, and shall give each of said members notice thereof, in such manner as the by-laws shall have prescribed; and if any member shall, for the space of thirty days after receiving such notice, refuse or neglect to pay the sum assessed upon him, in such case the managers may proceed to collect the whole amount of such deposit note, with all costs accruing thereon; and the amount thus collected shall remain in the treasury of the company, subject to the same liabilities as said note or notes would have been liable to.

Stockholders' meetings.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the general meetings of this company shall be held annually, the time and place to be determined by the managers; also, it shall be the duty of the president to call a meeting of the company whenever requested to do so by twenty of its members. The election of managers shall be held at the annual meetings, and be by ballot, each member having one vote for each risk held by him. It shall also be the duty of the managers of said corporation to cause to be published annually, in a newspaper published in the city of Washington, the amount of the premium notes and cash on hand, and securities held by them, and the amount of losses, if any, during the previous year, and such other matters relating to the business of said company, as they may think proper; said publication to be at least two weeks previous to the annual meeting of the members of the company; and of said meetings notice shall be given in two newspapers published in the city of Washington, at least two weeks previous thereto.

Election of managers.

Annual publication of affairs of the company.

Banking privileges not granted.

Employment of the revenue of the company.

Real estate to escheat in certain cases.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to grant banking privileges, or the right to issue any note in the nature of a bank-note, or to circulate as money or currency. It shall, however, be lawful for said company to employ and improve all moneys received by them, and the profits thereof, in such manner as the managers deem best for the interest of the company, except as above prohibited, and except in the purchase of real estate. And all real estate purchased by said company for the purposes of collecting or securing debts, shall escheat to the government of the United States, unless the same shall have been sold and disposed of, and passed *bonâ fide* from the possession and ownership of said corporation, within three years next succeeding such purchase: *Provided*, Said company may hold property that may be absolutely necessary for the transaction of their corporate business.

When act to take effect.

Act may be amended.

Members liable for debts to third persons.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in full force and effect from its passage.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress reserves to itself the right to change, alter, repeal, or annul this act, or any part thereof, at their pleasure.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the members of said corporation shall each be liable, in his or her individual capacity, for all debts created by said corporation in favor of persons not members thereof.

APPROVED, January 10, 1855.

Jan. 12, 1855. CHAP. XXVII. — *An Act authorizing the Legal Representatives of Antoine Vasquez, Hypolite Vasquez, Joseph Vasquez, and John Colligan, to enter certain Lands in Missouri.*

Representatives of Antoine Vasquez, and others, authorized to enter certain land

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the legal representatives of Antoine Vasquez, Hypolite Vasquez, Joseph Vasquez, and John Colligan, be, and they are hereby, authorized to enter, without payment, at

any land-office in the State of Missouri, in such quantities, agreeably to the United States surveys, as the claimants may desire, a quantity of land subject to private entry, not exceeding eight hundred arpens for each of the three persons first above named, and twelve hundred arpens for said Colligan, in lieu of, and in compensation for, a claim of that quantity allowed to them by the board of commissioners appointed for the final adjustment of private land claims in the State of Missouri, and confirmed to them by "an act confirming claims to land in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes," approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-six; and the register or registers of the land-offices aforesaid shall receive the proper applications and proofs, and shall issue the necessary certificate or certificates, on return of which to the General Land-Office, with proofs sufficient, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, to establish the right of the claimants as such legal representatives, a patent or patents shall issue, as in other cases.

in Missouri in lieu of another claim.

Patent to issue.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs and Representatives of Uriah Prewitt, deceased.*

Jan. 12, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the heirs and legal representatives of Uriah Prewitt, deceased, be, and they are authorized to locate on any unappropriated public lands in the State of Louisiana, the quantity of four hundred and twenty-four acres; and on obtaining a proper certificate of such location, from the local land-office, under the instructions of the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, a patent shall issue to them.

Heirs and representatives of Uriah Prewitt authorized to locate 424 acres in Louisiana.

Patent to issue.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs and Legal Representatives of William Weeks.*

Jan. 12, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the heirs and legal representatives of William Weeks be, and they are hereby, confirmed in their claim to a tract of land, containing two thousand and thirty arpens, situated in the parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana, being the same granted to said William Weeks, by an order of survey of "Grand Pre," then governor of West Florida, on the thirty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and six, according to the survey made by Ira C. Kneeland, deputy-surveyor, under commission from said governor, on the twenty-second day of September, one thousand eight hundred and six, of record in the office of the register of the land-office at Greensburg, Louisiana, and a patent shall issue therefor: *Provided*, That this act shall be held and taken only as a relinquishment on the part of the United States.

Land claim confirmed to heirs and representatives of William Weeks.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXX. — *An Act for the Relief of Purser Francis B. Stockton.*

Jan. 12, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Francis B. Stockton, a purser in the United States navy, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of sixty-seven dollars and fifty-seven cents, being the amount of loss sustained by him by reason of making his deposits of public money in

F. B. Stockton to be paid \$67.57 in full of all claims.

the Phoenix Bank, Charlestown, Massachusetts: *Provided*, That the said sum shall be received in full of all demands against the government on this account.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

Jan. 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of C. E. Greneau.*

Settlement of  
claim on C. E.  
Greneau.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized to examine into the claim of the United States against C. E. Greneau, one of the sureties of Benoist Laurents, late a receiver of public moneys at the land-office at Natchitoches, in Louisiana, and the circumstances of said Greneau, and to settle and discharge said claim upon such terms as he shall judge most for the interest of the United States, the same relief having been allowed in behalf of his co-sureties, by an act entitled "An Act for the relief of the estates of Benjamin Metoyer and François Gariennie, deceased," passed March third, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

1847, ch. 122.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

Jan. 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Mrs. Ann W. Angus.*

Pension of Ann  
W. Angus con-  
tinued for five  
years.

Proviso.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to continue to Ann W. Angus, for a further term of five years from the fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, the pension heretofore paid her, and which expired on the fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, as aforesaid: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to entitle her to a greater amount than half the pay of her said husband in any one year.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

Jan. 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Thomas B. Parsons.*

Thomas B. Par-  
sons to be paid  
for services.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Thomas B. Parsons, who was disabled while in the naval service of the United States, in the successful effort to save the lives of seven persons, the sum of three dollars per month from the first day of September, eighteen hundred and eight, to the first day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, the same being the difference between the rate of pension of a seaman and that of a coxswain, which grade he filled at the time of the injury.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

Jan. 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Thomas Butler.*

Thomas Butler  
to be paid \$2,922  
for extra work.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Thomas Butler, of the city of New York, the sum of two thousand nine hundred and twenty-two dollars, being the cost of extra work performed and materials furnished in the construction of a light-house on Execution Rocks, in Long Island Sound, by order of the engineer in charge, and not within the terms of a



contract executed by said Thomas Butler for the construction of said light-house, on the fourth day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXXV. — *An Act for the Benefit of Charles J. Porcher, Acting Purser of the Sloop-of-war Falmouth.*

Jan. 12, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officer be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Charles J. Porcher, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount properly payable to a purser of the rank assigned to a sloop-of-war, for his services as acting purser of the United States sloop-of-war Falmouth, whilst on service in the Pacific Ocean, from the date of the death of Purser William B. Hartwell until the appointment of John Y. Mason, junior, in his stead, to wit, from the twelfth day of July, eighteen hundred and forty-nine to the fourteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty, deducting therefrom the amount paid to the said Porcher for the same period as commander's clerk.

Payment to  
Charles J.  
Porcher, for ser-  
vices as Purser.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of William Duer.*

Jan. 12, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, directed to audit, settle, and adjust an account of the necessary expenses incurred by William Duer, while consul of the United States at the port of Valparaiso, in Chili, during the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, in the support and defence of William N. Stuart, an American citizen, arrested and arraigned before the courts of Chili upon a charge of murder, and for the transportation of said Stuart to the United States after his release, together with an equitable advance upon the amount thus ascertained, for the use of the money during the interval, and pay the same to said William Duer, his heirs or assigns, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Account of  
William Duer to  
be settled.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Francois Cousin.*

Jan. 12, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Francois Cousin be, and he is hereby, confirmed in his title to all those parts of sections twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty-five, and thirty-six, in township eight south, of range twelve east, which are included within the limits of the original claim of the said Francois Cousin, filed before the commissioner to adjust private land claims in Louisiana; also, all that parcel of land described as section forty, in township eight south, of range twelve east, and section thirty-seven, in township eight south, of range thirteen east, all being in the parish of St. Tammany, and State of Louisiana.

Francois Coun-  
sin confirmed in  
a certain land  
title in Louisiana.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office shall issue a patent or patents to the said Francois Cousin for the lands above confirmed.

Patent to issue.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

Jan. 12, 1855. CHAP. XXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, directed to investigate, audit, allow, and pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the legal representatives of James Erwin, of Arkansas, a fair and full remuneration for the actual losses he sustained in consequence of a contract he made with the United States in September, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, to supply provisions and transportation for the use of the Creek Indians expected to emigrate from the eastern to the western side of the Mississippi River, but who did not emigrate.

Payment to representatives of James Erwin for losses.

Payment to representatives of James Erwin and Daniel Greathouse.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to investigate, audit, allow, and pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the legal representatives of James Erwin, and to the heirs or legal representatives of Daniel Greathouse, deceased, a full and fair remuneration for the actual losses sustained in consequence of a contract made by said Erwin and said Daniel Greathouse, in his lifetime, and the United States, in December, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, to supply provisions and transportation for the use of the Seminole Indians expected to emigrate from the eastern to the western side of the Mississippi River, but who failed to emigrate: *Provided,* That in estimating the loss in either case, the Secretary of War shall first ascertain the actual cost of delivering the several articles named in the contract at the places appointed for their delivery, and then what they could have been sold for at auction or otherwise, in the hands of a prudent agent, and the difference, if any, shall be considered the sum actually lost.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

Jan. 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Susan Coody, and others.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of nineteen hundred and ninety-two dollars and sixty-two cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid to Susan Coody and others, of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, for property destroyed near Fort Gibson, by United States soldiers, on the twelfth of March, eighteen hundred and forty-five, in the proportion and sums respectively due them according to the report of the Committee of Indian Affairs of the Senate of date June twenty-four, eighteen hundred and fifty: *Provided,* That the same shall be received in full of all demands against the government on this account.

Payment to Susan Coody and other Indians for property destroyed by United States troops.

To be in full of all claims.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

Jan. 12, 1855. CHAP. XL. — *An Act for the Relief of the Representatives of Thomas D. Anderson, deceased, late Consul of the United States, at Tripoli.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they hereby are, directed to settle an account with the proper personal representatives of Thomas D. Anderson, deceased, late consul of the United States, at Tripoli, for contingent expenditures of said consulate, from the thirty-first December, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-one, up to the period when he ceased acting as such consul; and in full for all claims for such expenditures and other demands arising out of said consulate, after said thirty-first December, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, to allow them at the rate of seven hun-

Settlement of the accounts of Thomas D. Anderson.

dred and fifty dollars per annum during the said period, which sum shall be paid to said personal representatives out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

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CHAP. XLI.—*An Act for the Relief of the Administrator of Thomas Wishart.*

Jan. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, required to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the legal representative or representatives of Thomas Wishart, late a lieutenant in the continental line of the army of the United States in the war of the Revolution, five years' full pay of a lieutenant of infantry.

Payment to representatives of Thomas Wishart.

APPROVED, January 18, 1855.

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CHAP. XLII.—*An Act for Indemnifying Moses D. Hogan, for Cattle destroyed by the Indians in eighteen hundred and forty-two.*

Jan. 18, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Moses D. Hogan, or to his legal representatives, the sum of five hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full satisfaction of his claim against the United States, for cattle taken or destroyed, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, by a band of Indians, supposed to be a portion of the Sioux, while the said Hogan was conveying said cattle to a post of the United States, at or near Fort Snelling, in pursuance of a contract entered into by Amos J. Bruce, sub-agent on the part of the United States for the Sioux Indians.

\$500 to be paid to Moses D. Hogan in full of claim for cattle taken or destroyed.

APPROVED, January 18, 1855.

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CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of Colonel John H. Stone.*

Jan. 18, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and required to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the legal representatives of Colonel John H. Stone, the half-pay of a colonel in the continental line of the army of the United States; the said half-pay to commence on the first day of August, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, and to terminate on the fifth day of October, eighteen hundred and four, the day of his death. The same being then due and unpaid to the said Colonel John H. Stone, in virtue of the resolution of Congress of the twenty-sixth of August, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, which engaged to allow half-pay for life to such officers and soldiers as should lose a limb in any engagement, or be so disabled in the service of the United States of America as to render them incapable afterward of getting a livelihood, the said pay to commence from and after the time that their pay as an officer or soldier ceased.

Payment to representatives of Colonel John H. Stone.

APPROVED, January 18, 1855.

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CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act for the Relief of David B. Sears.*

Jan. 24, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That David B. Sears be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter the fractional quarter sections of land on

David B. Sears authorized to enter certain land.

Rock Island, in the Mississippi River and State of Illinois, necessary to secure to him the full and complete use of the water-power as now improved and used by him on the north side of said island; they being the east half of the southwest fractional quarter of fractional section twenty-nine, containing twenty-eight acres and ten hundredths, the southeast fractional quarter of the same fractional section, containing four acres and nine hundredths, and the northeast fractional quarter of fractional section thirty-two, containing three acres and twenty-six hundredths, all of which are situated in township eighteen north of the base line, range one west of the fourth principal meridian, upon his paying to the receiver of public moneys at Dixon, the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for the same, upon which a final certificate and patent shall issue as in other cases.

APPROVED, January 24, 1855.

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Jan. 25, 1855. CHAP. XLV. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a Register to the Barque Martha.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register for the barque "Martha," of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, formerly a British vessel, called the "Aquatic," but now owned by John W. Caldwell, a citizen of the State of South Carolina, the said vessel having been brought into the port of Charleston in a disabled condition, and condemned as unseaworthy and sold, and which he caused to be repaired and refitted for sea: *Provided,* It shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the cost of the repairs made in the United States, after the purchase of the said vessel by the present owner, exceeds three fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

APPROVED, January 25, 1855.

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Jan. 25, 1855. CHAP. XLVI. — *An Act to authorize the Issue of a Register to "the Barque Foundling, of Boston."*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to admit to register "the barque Foundling, of Boston," she having been picked up at sea with no one on board and brought into the port of Boston, libelled and sold at auction by the United States marshal, and purchased by William C. Fay, of Boston, her present owner, and put in perfect repair by him.

APPROVED, January 25, 1855.

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Jan. 25, 1855. CHAP. XLVII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Children and Heirs of Major-General Baron DeKalb.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in consideration of the claims, services, and sacrifices of the late Major-General Baron DeKalb, in the war of the Revolution, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to the children and heirs of Baron DeKalb, named in the petition, the sum of sixty-six thousand and ninety-nine dollars and seventy-six cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 25, 1855.

\$66,099.76 to be paid to children and heirs of Gen. DeKalb.

CHAP. XLVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Sylvester Humphrey and the Heirs of Alexander Humphrey, deceased.*

Jan. 25, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Sylvester Humphrey and the heirs of Alexander Humphrey, deceased, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars — one moiety thereof to Sylvester Humphrey, and the other moiety to the heirs of Alexander Humphrey, deceased — for rebuilding the wharf at Staten Island after it had been destroyed by the storm of the third of September, eighteen hundred and twenty-one.

\$2,500 to be paid to Sylvester Humphrey and heirs of Alexander Humphrey.

APPROVED, January 25, 1855.

CHAP. XLIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Joseph Webb.*

Jan. 31, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the pension of Joseph Webb be increased so that he shall be entitled to receive, from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, the sum of eight dollars per month, during his natural life, in lieu of the pension which he now receives under the act of the twenty-fifth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four [thirty-four.]

Pension of Joseph Webb increased to \$8 per month for life.

1834, ch. 70.

APPROVED, January 31, 1855.

CHAP. L. — *An Act to Repeal an Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of Samuel Prioleau, deceased.*

Jan. 31, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the act entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Prioleau, deceased," approved July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Act of 1854, ch. 123, for relief of representatives of S. Prioleau, repealed.

APPROVED, January 31, 1855.

CHAP. LI. — *An Act for the Relief of Zebina Rawson.*

Jan. 31, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be instructed to place the name of Zebina Rawson upon the pension roll, and to pay him eight dollars per month, from March the first, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, during his natural life.

Zebina Rawson to be placed on pension roll for life, at \$8 per month, from March 1, 1852.

APPROVED, January 31, 1855.

CHAP. LII. — *An Act for the Relief of James Wright, Jr., of the State of Tennessee.*

Jan. 31, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the pension of James Wright, jr., of the State of Tennessee, be increased from five dollars and thirty-three cents to eight dollars per month, from the first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four; and that the Secretary of the Interior be directed to cause him to [be] paid the pension of eight dollars per month, from said first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, during his life, instead and in lieu of his pension of five dollars and thirty-three cents per month, heretofore paid him.

Pension of James Wright, jr., increased to \$8 per month for life, from May 1, 1854.

APPROVED, January 31, 1855.

Jan. 31, 1855.

CHAP. LIII. — *An Act for the Relief of William Hankins.*

William Hankins to be paid \$244.80 in full of a certain contract.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to William Hankins, the sum of two hundred and forty-four dollars and eighty cents; which sum is to be received in full discharge of all claim against the United States growing out of a contract made on the fifteenth of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, for the delivery of wood at Fort Johnson, in the State of North Carolina.

APPROVED, January 31, 1855.

Jan. 31, 1855. CHAP. LIV. — *An Act to authorize the issue of a Register to the Barque Colonist, by the name of "The Lily."*

Register to issue to the Colonist, under the name of the Lily.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register to the British brig Colonist, by the name of The Lily, now owned by Christian F. Funch, of the city of New York, in the State of New York: *Provided,* It shall be proved to the satisfaction of said Secretary that the cost of the repairs made in the United States, after the purchase of the said vessel by the present owner, is equal to three fourths of the value of said vessel at the time of said repairs.

Proviso.

APPROVED, January 31, 1855.

Feb. 6, 1855. CHAP. LVI. — *An Act to change the Names of the American-built vessels "J. H. Holmes" and "Franklin Pierce."*

Register to issue to the J. H. Holmes under name of The Effort.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant a register to the schooner "J. H. Holmes," an American-built vessel, now owned by Henry Gerditz and Carston Nohrden, citizens of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, and that the name of the said schooner be changed to that of "Effort."

Register to issue to the Franklin Pierce under the name of The Texana.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant a register to the steamer "Franklin Pierce," an American-built vessel, now owned by L. T. Murdock and W. W. Witherbury, citizens of the city of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, and that the name of the said boat be changed to that of "Texana."

APPROVED, February 6, 1855.

Feb. 6, 1855. CHAP. LVII. — *An Act to Incorporate St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia.*

Corporators.

Corporate name.

General powers and purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Thomas Carbery, James S. Harvey, Thomas Feran, Gregory Ennis, Nicholas Callan, Hugh B. Sweeny, John Carroll Brent, Richard H. Clark, and William H. Ward, and their successors, be and they are hereby made a body politic and corporate forever, by the name of the trustees of St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, for purposes of charity and education, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend; may have and use a common seal, and the same alter and renew at pleasure; may adopt and establish rules, regulations, and by-laws, not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, for properly conducting the affairs of said corporation

may take, receive, purchase, and hold estate, real, personal, and mixed, not exceeding in value one hundred thousand dollars at any one time, and may manage and dispose of the same at pleasure, and apply the same, or the proceeds of the sales thereof, to the uses and purposes of the said corporation, according to the rules and regulations which now are or may hereafter be established.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time hereafter alter, amend, or repeal the foregoing act.

This act may be amended, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize the said corporation to issue any note, token, device, scrip, or other evidence of debt, to be used as a currency.

Banking powers not given.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the trustees in the said corporation shall be held liable in his or her individual capacity for all the debts and liabilities of the said company, however contracted or incurred, to be recovered by suit, as other debts or liabilities, before any court of competent jurisdiction.

Trustees liable for debts.

APPROVED, February 6, 1855.

CHAP. LVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Thomas Marston Taylor.*

Feb. 6, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby, directed to allow to Thomas Marston Taylor, a purser in the United States navy, in the settlement of his accounts, for such deficiency as he shall show to exist by reason of his making deposits of treasury notes in the Phoenix Bank, at Charlestown, Massachusetts, subsequent to the month of April, eighteen hundred and forty-two: *Provided*, That the said sum shall be received in full of all demands against the government on this account.

Settlement of accounts of Thomas M. Taylor.

Proviso.

APPROVED, February 6, 1855.

CHAP. LIX. — *An Act to increase the Pension of Patrick C. Miles.*

Feb. 10, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to increase the pension of Patrick C. Miles, (late a sergeant of Company K, first regiment of infantry, United States army, and who lost a leg and was otherwise injured, while gallantly leading to the assault at the storming of Monterey,) to the rate of thirteen dollars per month, the amount of his duty pay; this increase to take effect from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and continue during his natural life.

Pension of Patrick C. Miles increased to \$13 per month for life, from Jan. 1, 1854.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

CHAP. LX. — *An Act for the Relief of Samuel A. Belden and Company.*

Feb. 10, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to audit and settle an account of the duties paid by Samuel A. Belden and Company, to the officers of the United States charged with their collection, in the city of Matamoras, in the Republic of Mexico, whilst that city was in the military possession of the United States, upon merchandise, except tobacco, imported by them into Matamoras during that period, which, after the restoration of peace between the two countries, they were deprived of, either in the form in which imported, or in the proceeds of sales, by illegal seizure, confiscation, sequestration, or their forced abandonment of the same by the judicial authorities of the Mexican government, and pay the

Settlement of account of and claim of S. A. Belden and Co.

amount thus ascertained to the said Samuel A. Belden and Company, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon the execution by them of a proper and legal assignment to the United States of all their right to the amount so refunded when recovered from the government of Mexico.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

Feb. 10, 1855. CHAP. LXI. — *An Act confirming a Land Claim to Elijah White, of the Territory of Washington.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the claim of Doctor Elijah White, to six hundred and forty acres of land on Baker's Bay, near Cape Disappointment, formerly in Oregon, now in Washington Territory, under the act of Congress approved September twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty, creating the office of surveyor-general, and making donations in Oregon, shall not suffer any prejudice by reason of his absence from his settlement, as set forth in his petition; but the said claim, if in other respects within the provisions of the said act of September twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty, shall be confirmed by the surveyor-general to the said Elijah White and his assignees, but not to interfere with any reservation that may be needed by the United States for light-house or other public uses, nor to the prejudice of any valid adverse right, if such exist.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

Feb. 10, 1855. CHAP. LXII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Administrators of Oliver Lee, deceased.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to Charles H. Lee, administrator, and Eliza Lee, administratrix, of the estate of Oliver Lee, late of the city of Buffalo, deceased, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred and eighty dollars and thirty-two cents, it being for the amount of a judgment recovered by the said Oliver Lee against Pierre A. Barker, formerly Collector of the port of Buffalo Creek, in the Circuit Court of the United States for the northern district of New York, in the second circuit, and which was docketed on the said thirtieth August, eighteen hundred and forty-four.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

Feb. 10, 1855. CHAP. LXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of George Bush, of Thurston County, Washington Territory.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the claim of George Bush to six hundred and forty acres of land in Thurston county, Washington Territory, in virtue of his early settlement and continued residence and cultivation, as set forth in the memorial passed on the seventeenth March, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, by the Legislative Assembly of Washington Territory, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed—the one half to the said George Bush, and the other half to his wife; and it shall be the duty of the surveyor-general of the said Territory of Washington to designate and set apart the quantity of land aforesaid, to embrace the residence and settlement of the said George Bush, according to the lines of the public surveys, and for the claim hereby confirmed, but not in such a manner as to interfere with any reserve or valid adverse right, if any such exist, to any part of the land claimed as aforesaid; and upon the

Settlement of land claim of Elijah White, under act of 1850, ch. 76, making donations of land in Oregon.

\$580.32 to be paid to the representatives of Oliver Lee.

Land claim in Washington Territory confirmed to George Bush and his wife.



presentation of a certificate from the Surveyor-General, designating the land which may be officially set apart under this act, a patent shall issue, if the proceedings are found regular by the Commissioner of the General Land-Office.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

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CHAP. LXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of John Steene.*

Feb. 10, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be instructed to place the name of John Steene upon the roll of invalid pensions, and to pay him a pension, at the rate of eight dollars per month, during his natural life, commencing on the first day of January, 1853.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

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CHAP. LXV. — *An Act for the Relief of Catharine B. Arnold.*

Feb. 10, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to place the name of Catharine Bryant Arnold, widow of the late Major Ripley A. Arnold, upon the list of pensioners, and to pay to her a pension at the rate of one half the pay per month to which her said husband was entitled at the time of his death; said pension to commence on the sixth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and continued during her natural life or widowhood.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

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CHAP. LXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs-at-Law of William Van Wart, deceased.*

Feb. 10, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to the children of William Van Wart, deceased, late a pensioner of the United States, a sum equal to forty dollars per annum, from the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, to the date of the death of said deceased.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

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CHAP. LXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of E. J. McLane.*

Feb. 10, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to pay to E. J. McLane, or his legal representative, the sum of one thousand six hundred and ninety-two dollars and forty-five cents, being compensation for his services and expenses, as inspector of the customs in the collection district of Brazos de St. Jago, in the State of Texas, while seizing and detaining horses and mules smuggled into the United States from Mexico: *Provided,* He shall produce before the accounting officers satisfactory vouchers for the same, or to allow and pay such part as shall be so vouched.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

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CHAP. LXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Joseph Gerard.*

Feb. 10, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Reese A. P. Gerard,

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Children of Joseph Gerard allowed to enter certain land, in full for his services.

William Gerard, and Rachel Blue, (formerly Rachel Gerard,) the only children and heirs of Joseph Gerard, a messenger of the United States to the Indians, who was killed in seventeen hundred and ninety-two, be, and they or their heirs are hereby permitted to enter, each one of them severally, or his or their heirs, one section of the public lands, without the payment of any consideration for said three sections, being in full payment for the patriotic services of said Joseph Gerard, and in accordance with the spirit of the inducements authorized by President Washington to be held out to such persons as would consent to carry a message from Fort Washington, now Cincinnati, in seventeen hundred and ninety-two, to the hostile Indians of the then Northwest Territory.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

Feb. 10, 1855. CHAP. LXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Daniel Morse, of Essex, County of Chittenden, in the State of Vermont.*

Daniel Morse to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, from March 1, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, directed to place the name of Daniel Morse, of Essex, county of Chittenden, and State of Vermont, on the list of invalid pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, commencing from the first day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

Feb. 10, 1855. CHAP. LXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of the West Feliciana Railroad and the Georgia Railroad and Banking Companies.*

Duties on railroad iron to be refunded to West Feliciana R. R. Co.

Proviso.

Also, to the Georgia R. R. and Banking Co.

Proviso.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to refund to the West Feliciana Railroad Company the amount paid by them in judgments obtained against said company, by suits instituted on duty bonds given by said company for the importation of certain bars of railroad iron imported at New Orleans, in the month of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and at New York, in the same month of the same year: *Provided,* That it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the said railroad bars have been and are now permanently laid down upon the railroad of the aforesaid company, except such part thereof as may be proved to the satisfaction of said secretary to have been lost by the sinking of the steamboat Choctaw, in an attempt to transport the same from New Orleans to Bayou Sara.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to refund to the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company the duties collected on certain railroad iron imported by said company: *Provided,* That said company shall prove to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the rails so imported were actually laid down at or about the time when the rails of the Red River Company, the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia, and the Monroe Railroad Company were laid down—on the rails of which companies Congress has already remitted the duties.

APPROVED, February 10, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855. CHAP. LXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Polly Carver, Widow and Executrix of Nathan Carver, deceased.*

Polly Carver to be paid in full of claim of Nathan Carver.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of three hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-nine cents be, and the same hereby is, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropri-

ated, for the payment and full satisfaction of the claims against the government of the said Polly Carver, as widow and executrix of the said Nathan Carver, deceased.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

CHAP. LXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of Samuel McKnight, of the State of Kentucky.* Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Samuel McKnight, of the State of Kentucky, on the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and to continue during his natural life.

Sam. McKnight to be placed on pension roll for life, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1853.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

CHAP. LXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of George Lynch.* Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That George Lynch, of St. Charles county, Missouri, shall be paid a full pension of eight dollars per month, instead and in lieu of six dollars per month, the amount which he is now receiving under a special act of Congress heretofore passed for his benefit. Said pension of eight dollars a month to commence on the sixth day of June, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-two, the time at which his proof of total disability was perfected.

Pension of George Lynch increased to \$8 per month from June 6, 1852.

1834, ch. 127.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

CHAP. LXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Abraham Ausman.* Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to increase the pension of Abraham Ausman, whose name is now on the rolls at six dollars, to the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Pension of Abraham Ausman increased to \$8 per month from Jan. 1, 1854.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

CHAP. LXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Lincoln Bates.* Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to pay to Lincoln Bates, out of moneys not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifty-five dollars, in full of the damages sustained by him as a night watchman in the public stores at New York, in July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, in suppressing a fire therein, being the amount of his account, as now on file in the Treasury Department.

Lincoln Bates to be paid \$55.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

CHAP. LXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of John Cole.* Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to John Cole, of Lake county, Ohio, now a pensioner of the United States, the sum of ninety-six dollars

John Cole to have pension of \$96 a year for life, in lieu of other pension.

per annum, in lieu of any pension heretofore allowed to him, such pension to be computed from the day of the passage of this act, and to be continued during his natural life.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855. CHAP. LXXX. — *An Act for the Relief of Eleanor Hoople, of the Province of Canada.*

Eleanor Hoople  
to be paid \$300.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to Eleanor Hoople, a widow, residing in the Province of Canada, the sum of three hundred dollars, for care, services, and attention rendered by herself and husband, in eighteen hundred and fourteen, to David Holden, an American soldier.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855. CHAP. LXXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of William Wallace, of Illinois.*

Wm. Wallace  
to be placed on  
pension roll for  
life, at \$6 per  
month, from  
March 4, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be authorized and directed to place the name of William Wallace, of the State of Illinois, on the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, at the rate of six dollars per month, from the fourth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855. CHAP. LXXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of John Putnam.*

\$795.78 to be  
paid to represen-  
tatives of John  
Putnam.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the legal representatives of John Putnam, the sum of seven hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-eight cents, in payment for his services and money paid for the United States at the port of Genesee, New York.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855. CHAP. LXXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of William Gove.*

Wm. Gove to  
be placed on pen-  
sion roll for life,  
at \$8 per month,  
from Jan. 1, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, directed to place the name of William Gove, of the State of Maine, upon the pension rolls, and cause him to be paid the sum of eight dollars per month, so long as he shall live, commencing January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855. CHAP. LXXXIV. — *An Act granting Bounty Land to Cornelius Coffey.*

Land warrant  
to issue to Cor-  
nelius Coffey.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to issue to Cornelius Coffey, late a private in company G, eighth infantry, United States army, a land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

CHAP. LXXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of John Brown, second, of New Hampshire.* Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be authorized and required to place the name of John Brown, second, of the State of New Hampshire, on the roll of invalid pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the ninth day of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, to continue during his natural life.

John Brown to be placed on pension roll for life, at \$8 per month, from Feb. 9, 1852.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

CHAP. LXXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of William Parker.* Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior cause to be paid to William Parker, of New York, the sum of four dollars per month, so long as he shall live, commencing January first, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-three. This sum to be in addition to the pension of four dollars per month granted him by act of May nineteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty-four.

Increase of pension of Wm. Parker to \$8 per month.

1824, ch. 99.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

CHAP. LXXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Gilbert C. Russell.* Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay, or cause to be paid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Gilbert C. Russell, of the State of Alabama, twenty thousand dollars: *Provided,* The same shall be received and receipted for by the said Gilbert C. Russell in full satisfaction of all balance of claims and demands of every description in his favor against the government of the United States growing out of, or in any manner connected with, the construction of the fort at Mobile Point, in the State of Alabama.

Gilbert C. Russell to be paid \$20,000.

The same to be in full of certain demands.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

CHAP. LXXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of William Case.* Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That William Case and his surety, Harrison Gould, be, and hereby are, released from a judgment for the sum of three hundred and twenty dollars rendered against them in favor of the United States, at the March term of the circuit court of the United States, held at Clarksburg, in the State of Virginia, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three: *Provided,* That, before satisfaction of the same shall be entered, the said defendant shall pay all the costs accrued upon the said judgment.

Wm. Case and Harrison Gould released from a judgment.

They to pay costs.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

CHAP. LXXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Sidney P. Pool, of the State of Maine.* Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, directed to place the name of Sidney P. Pool upon the roll of invalid pensioners; and that said Pool be paid a pension, at the rate of six dollars per month, from the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Sidney P. Pool to be placed on pension, roll at \$6 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855.

CHAP. XC. — *An Act for the Relief of George Elliott.*

Pension of Geo. Elliott increased to \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1852. 1836, ch. 149.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That George Elliott, of Franklin county, Missouri, shall be allowed a pension of eight dollars a month, instead of the pension of six dollars a month which he is now receiving, under a special act of Congress, said increase of pension to commence and be calculated from the first day of January, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-two, when his proof of total disability was perfected.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855.

CHAP. XCI. — *An Act for the Relief of Lieutenant George H. Paige, of the United States Army.*

Geo. H. Paige to be credited \$62.23.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officer of the United States treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to allow and credit to Lieutenant George H. Paige the sum of sixty-two dollars and twenty-three cents, the amount paid by him to one Philips, a private in the United States army, for services as an auctioneer, in June, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855.

CHAP. XCII. — *An Act for the Relief of John H. Hicks, of Indiana.*

John H. Hicks to be placed on pension roll for life, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1853.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, instructed to place the name of John H. Hicks, of Indiana, upon the list of invalid pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855.

CHAP. XCIII. — *An Act to provide a Pension for Oliver Brown, of Chemung County, New York.*

Oliver Brown to be placed on pension roll, at \$4 per month, from March 1, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Oliver Brown, of the county of Chemung, in the State of New York, be, and he is hereby, required to be placed upon the pension roll, at the rate of four dollars per month, from the first day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855.

CHAP. XCIV. — *An Act to provide a Pension for Edmund Mitchell, of Carroll County, in the State of Kentucky.*

Edmund Mitchell to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, from March 1, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the name of Edmund Mitchell, of Carroll county, in the State of Kentucky, be placed upon the pension roll, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

Feb. 13, 1855.

CHAP. XCV. — *An Act for the Relief of George J. Rallston.*

Geo. J. Rallston to be placed on pension roll for life, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be instructed to place the name of George J. Rallston upon the pension roll, and to pay him at the rate of eight dollars per month, from

the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, to continue during his life.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

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CHAP. XCIX. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Larkin Smith.*

Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to the legal representatives of Larkin Smith, five years' full pay of a captain of cavalry, the same being due the said Larkin Smith for services as a captain of cavalry in the army of the United States, in the war of the Revolution.

Payment to  
representatives  
of Larkin Smith.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

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CHAP. C. — *An Act to change the Name of the Schooner "Henry Plantagenet" to that of "A. G. Brown."*

Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to admit to register, under the name of "A. G. Brown," the American-built schooner now owned by Ebenezer Clark, of Jackson county, in the State of Mississippi, and known as the "Henry Plantagenet."

Register to is-  
sue to The Henry  
Plantagenet under  
name of The  
A. G. Brown.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

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CHAP. CI. — *An Act for the Relief of the Widow and Children of Ezra Chapman, deceased.*

Feb. 14, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, required to pay to the lawful administrators of Ezra Chapman, late of Tolland, Connecticut, deceased, for the benefit of his widow and children, the sum of eight hundred and forty dollars, the same being the aggregate amount of seven years' half-pay of Ezra Chapman, the father of the aforesaid Ezra Chapman, deceased, who was an ensign in the army of the Revolution, and died in the service of the United States, on the first day of September, seventeen hundred and seventy-eight, and which sum of money was due to the said Ezra Chapman, deceased, on account of the services of his said father, by the provisions of the resolution of Congress passed the twenty-fourth day of August, seventeen hundred and eighty.

Payment to  
administrators of  
Ezra Chapman.

APPROVED, February 14, 1855.

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CHAP. CII. — *An Act for the Relief of Don B. Juan Domercq, a Spanish Subject.*

Feb. 14, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to examine and investigate the claim of Don B. Juan Domercq, a Spanish subject, for a quantity of tobacco belonging to him, and taken and used for purposes of defence, by order of Colonel Childs, at the siege of Puebla, in Mexico, in the year Anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and to allow and pay said Domercq for so much of said tobacco, not exceeding in quantity seven hundred and twenty-one bales, and at a price not exceeding twenty-four dollars the bale, as shall be proved, to the satisfaction of said secretary, to have been destroyed or lost in consequence of said tobacco having been taken and used as aforesaid. And the said Secretary of War shall also allow

Settlement of  
claim of Don B.  
Juan Domercq.

and pay said Domercq damages for the injury done to eight hundred and twenty-three bales of tobacco returned to him after being used in barricading the streets, &c., of Puebla: *Provided*, Said damage shall be proved to the satisfaction of the said secretary, and provided the amount allowed shall not exceed one dollar per bale.

Payment authorized, and to be in full of all claims.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to pay to said Domercq such sum as shall be allowed him, upon such investigation, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full satisfaction of any claim upon the government of the United States.

APPROVED, February 14, 1855.

Feb. 17, 1855.

CHAP. CXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Medford Caffey, of the State of Tennessee.*

Medford Caffey to be paid \$106 in full.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be paid to Medford Caffey, of the State of Tennessee, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and six dollars, in full compensation for his horse and equipage lost in the Seminole campaign of eighteen hundred and eighteen.

APPROVED, February 17, 1855.

Feb. 17, 1855.

CHAP. CXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Zachariah Lawrence, of Ohio.*

Zachariah Lawrence to be paid \$2,645.40 for prize money for capture of The Venture.

Payment to others on proof of claim.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there be paid to Zachariah Lawrence, of Morgan county, in the State of Ohio, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty-six hundred and forty-five dollars and forty cents, his portion of the prize money for capturing and taking into the port of Passamaquoddy, in eighteen hundred and thirteen, the British sloop "Venture." And there shall be paid to each of the other persons composing the boat's crew, severally, or to their legal representatives, the sum of thirteen hundred and twenty-two dollars and seventy cents, as the share of each in the capture of the said sloop "Venture," on satisfactory proof being made to the Secretary of the Treasury of their being such persons, or their legal representatives.

APPROVED, February 17, 1855.

Feb. 17, 1855.

CHAP. CXV. — *An Act for the Relief of William Hagerty.*

Wm. Hagerty to be paid \$964.80, in full for claim.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to William Hagerty, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of nine hundred and sixty-four dollars and eighty cents, in full payment of his claim for grading the street around the Capitol inclosure.

APPROVED, February 17, 1855.

Feb. 21, 1855.

CHAP. CXVI. — *An Act authorizing the issue of a Register to the Russian-built Ship "Aina."*

Register to issue to The Aina, under the name of St. Andrew.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to admit to register the Russian-built ship "Aina," under the name of "St. Andrew," said ship having been libelled and sold by the United States Marshal to Christian F. Funch and Andrew F. Meinche, of the State and city of New York, her present owners.

APPROVED, February 21, 1855.



CHAP. CXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Henry H. Marsh.*

Feb. 21, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Henry H. Marsh be, and he is hereby, authorized to relinquish to the United States the east half of the northeast quarter of section number four, of township number eight south, of range number thirteen west, in the district of lands subject to sale at Kalamazoo, in the State of Michigan, entered by him by mistake, on or about the twenty-first day of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and to apply the money paid for said tract to the purchase of any other lands that may be subject to entry at private sale, at the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

Henry H. Marsh authorized to relinquish certain land, and apply the purchase-money to other land.

APPROVED, February 21, 1855.

CHAP. CXX. — *An Act for the Relief of Rebecca Winn, Widow and Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Timothy Winn, deceased, late a Purser in the Navy of the United States.*

Feb. 21, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, required to adjust the accounts of the late purser Timothy Winn, so as to allow his legal representative the sum of six hundred dollars per annum, for clerk hire during his service as purser at the Washington navy-yard, deducting therefrom whatever payments on account of clerk hire have already been made, either by allowance of the department or by judgment of the court of this district.

Adjustment of accounts of the late Timothy Winn.

APPROVED, February 21, 1855.

CHAP. CXXI. — *An Act increasing the Pension of Anthony W. Bayard, of Bellefont, in the State of Pennsylvania.*

Feb. 24, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the pension now received by Anthony W. Bayard, in the State of Pennsylvania, be increased to twenty dollars per month, and that the said pension be paid him from the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, deducting the amount of the pension he has already received since that date; and that hereafter his pension shall be twenty dollars per month, during his life, instead of eight dollars per month, which he now receives.

Pension of A. W. Bayard increased.

APPROVED, February 24, 1855.

CHAP. CXXX. — *An Act for the Relief of Mrs. Helen Mackay, Administratrix of Lieutenant-Colonel Æneas Mackay, late a Deputy Quarter-master in the United States Army.*

Feb. 28, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the treasury, in settling the accounts of Lieutenant-Colonel Æneas Mackay, deceased, deputy quarter-master general in the United States army, be authorized and directed to allow, as a credit for twenty-five thousand dollars, the receipt of Captain William D. McKissack for that amount, dated the first day of May, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, as well as the receipt of the said Captain William D. McKissack for a similar amount, dated the fourteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

Settlement of accounts of Lt. Col. Æneas Mackay.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Mrs. Helen Mackay, administratrix of Colonel Æneas Mackay, deceased, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated,

Payment of balance to Mrs. Mackay.

whatever balance may be found to be due to her late husband, upon a final settlement of his accounts, in the manner directed by the first section of this act.

APPROVED, February 28, 1855.

Feb. 28, 1855.

CHAP. CXXXI. — *An Act granting Bounty Land to Susan Palmer.*

Susan Palmer,  
grant of bounty  
land to.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue unto Susan Palmer, widow of Lieutenant Innis B. Palmer, deceased, a land-warrant certificate for one hundred and sixty acres of land, in consideration of his services during the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, in the same manner as if the said Innis B. Palmer's name had been enrolled as a lieutenant, and not as a deputy wagon-master.

APPROVED, February 28, 1855.

Feb. 28, 1855.

CHAP. CXXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Lot Davis.*

Lot Davis to  
be placed on  
pension roll for  
life, at \$6 per  
month, from Jan.  
1, 1850.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior cause the name of Lot Davis to be placed upon the roll of invalid pensioners, at the rate of six dollars per month, during his life, to commence January first, eighteen hundred and fifty.

APPROVED, February 28, 1855.

March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CXLVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Brigadier-General Richard B. Mason.*

Act of 1853,  
ch. 58, extended  
to heirs of Gen.  
R. B. Mason.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the provisions of the act approved February third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, entitled "An act for the relief of Brevet Brigadier-General Riley, and to enable him to settle his accounts with the United States," be, and they are hereby, applied to the heirs of Brigadier-General Richard B. Mason, in reference to all moneys raised and collected by him for contributions, penalties, internal assessments, duties, or other objects, in California, from June first, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, to April fifteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and that the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department, in settling the accounts of the said Mason, be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to allow, as a credit, a commission of one and a half per cent. upon the moneys so raised, collected, and disbursed by the said Mason while he was governor of California during the time stated above.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CXLIX. — *An Act for the Relief of John R. Bowes, Agent in charge of the Property of the United States at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana, and of Isaac S. Smith, of the City of Buffalo, New York.*

John R. Bowes  
to be paid  
\$470.83.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and are hereby, authorized and directed to pay to John R. Bowes, of the State of Indiana, agent in charge of the property of the United States at Michigan City, in said State, the sum of four hundred and seventy dollars and thirty-three cents, in payment and in full discharge of all claims of said Bowes against the United States for services as said agent.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Isaac S. Smith, the sum of four hundred and fifty-two dollars and thirty-two cents, in full for his account for care and charge of the public property at the city of Buffalo, up to the thirtieth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, under the direction of the Topographical Bureau.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

Isaac S. Smith  
to be paid  
\$452.32.

CHAP. CL. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs and Legal Representatives of Joseph Savage, deceased.* March 2, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, required to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the legal representatives of Joseph Savage, deceased, five years' full pay of a surgeon's mate in the continental line of the army of the Revolution, being the full amount of the sum due to the said Joseph Savage, deceased, for commutation of half-pay as surgeon's mate in the Virginia continental line of the revolutionary army: *Provided*, That the said sum shall be received in full of all demands against the government on this account.

Representatives  
of Joseph Savage  
to be paid five  
years' full pay  
in full.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLI. — *An Act for the Relief of Daniel Searle and Company, for Extra Service rendered the Post-Office Department of the United States.* March 2, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the proper accounting officers of the Post-Office Department be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to settle the account of Daniel Searle and Company, for extra services rendered under the orders of the said department during their contract, made in eighteen hundred and thirty-five, for carrying the mail on routes numbers nine hundred and fifty-six, nine hundred and seventy-nine, and eleven hundred and fifty-seven, from Jersey City to Owego, in the State of New York, and to allow him a pro rata compensation for said extra service; and that the amount found due be paid to said Searle, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Settlement of  
accounts of  
Daniel Searle  
and Co.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLII. — *An Act for the Relief of Charles W. Carroll.*

March 2, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there be, and there is hereby, appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars, to be paid to Charles W. Carroll, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, as compensation and damages for injuries sustained by him by reason of his wrongful arrest and imprisonment as a deserter from the army of the United States.

Charles W.  
Carroll to be paid  
\$5,000.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Henry S. Sanford.*

March 2, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Henry S. Sanford, late acting chargé d'affaires of the United States at Paris, the sum of six thousand two hundred and twenty-three dollars and eighty-two cents, it being the

Henry S. San-  
ford to be paid  
\$6,223.82.

amount of the difference between the salary received by him, as secretary of legation at Paris, from the fourteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, to the twenty-second day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and the salary of a chargé d'affaires for the same period, together with the usual outfit of a chargé d'affaires. And for necessary clerk hire paid by him while secretary of legation at Paris, the further sum of eleven hundred and seventy dollars and sixty-three cents.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855. CHAP. CLIV. — *An Act for the Relief of the Children and Grandchildren of Thomas Morris.*

Payment to children and grandchildren of Thomas Morris. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and are hereby, required to pay to the children and grandchildren of Thomas Morris, who was a captain in the Georgia line on the continental establishment in the revolutionary war, and who died in the service of the United States during said war, the full amount of the half-pay of a captain of artillery for seven years; to be paid out of any money in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* Said heirs, before the payment thereof, exhibit to the secretary of the treasury satisfactory proof that they are the only children and grandchildren of the said Thomas Morris.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855. CHAP. CLV. — *An Act for the Benefit of the Heirs of Philip R. Rice, deceased.*

Heirs of Philip R. Rice to be paid \$3,450.00. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be paid to the heirs of Philip R. Rice, deceased, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three thousand four hundred and fifty dollars, in full payment for the loss of a vessel in the service of the United States, during the war of the Revolution.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855. CHAP. CLVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Charles H. Pointer.*

Chas. H. Pointer to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, for life, from Jan. 1, 1854. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to place the name of Charles H. Pointer upon the roll of invalid pensioners of the United States, at the rate of eight dollars per month, and that the said pension commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and continue during his life.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855. CHAP. CLVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Parmelia Slavin, late the Wife of John Blue, deceased.*

Parmelia Slavin to be placed on pension roll, at \$4 per month for five years, from Jan. 1, 1848. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior cause the name of Parmelia Slavin, the widow of William Slavin, deceased, and lately the widow of John Blue, deceased, to be placed upon the roll of pensioners of the United States, at the rate of four dollars per month, for five years, from the first day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, in full satisfaction of her claim to pension as widow of the said John Blue.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Amos Knapp.*

March 2, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to Amos Knapp, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to eleven dollars per month from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, to the date of approval of this act; and that his pension, granted by act of July twelve, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, is hereby declared to be increased to the rate of eleven dollars per month, to continue during his natural life: *Provided,* That any sum which the said Knapp may have received under the act approved July twelve, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, shall be deducted from the amount required to be paid by the provisions of this act.

Payment to  
Amos Knapp.His pension  
increased.

1852, ch. 63.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLIX. — *An Act for the Relief of William G. Howison.*

March 2, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That William G. Howison be allowed by the proper accounting officers of the treasury, the sum of one hundred and sixty-seven dollars, in full for all services as a member of the Auxiliary Guard of the city of Washington.

W. G. Howison  
to be allowed  
\$167 in full.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLX. — *An Act for the Relief of William G. Preston.*

March 2, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars and twenty-five cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and that the same be paid to William G. Preston, late a captain in the war with Mexico, to reimburse him for subsisting his command, and foraging the horses of his company, from Ozark to Washington, in Hempstead county, in the State of Arkansas.

Wm. G. Pres-  
ton to be paid  
\$375.25.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLXI. — *An Act for the Relief of Sarah Morriss, only Heir of Robert Mitchell, deceased.*

March 2, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to Sarah Morriss, wife of Robert Morriss, and only heir of the late Robert Mitchell, who was one of the captors of the Algerine vessels taken by the American squadron under the command of Commodore Decatur, the sum of one hundred and twenty-three dollars and seventy-three cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sarah Morriss  
to be paid  
\$123.73.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Mrs. J. Josephine McClellan.*

March 2, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to Mrs. J. Josephine McClellan, widow of Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel John McClellan, late of the corps of topographical engineers, half the monthly pay to which her said husband was entitled at the time of his death, for five years from the date of the death of her said husband; and in case of her death or inter-marriage before the expiration of the said term of five years, then the

Payment to  
Mrs. J. J. Mc-  
Clellan, &c.

benefits of this act shall inure, for the balance of said term, to his child or children under sixteen years of age.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Anna E. Cook.*

Anna E. Cook to be placed on the pension roll, at \$15 per month, for five years, from Jan. 1, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to place the name of Anna E. Cook on the pension rolls at the rate of fifteen dollars per month for five years, commencing January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Peter Amey, (colored man.)*

Peter Amey to be placed on pension roll at \$96 per annum for life, from Jan. 1, 1850.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of Peter Amey upon the list of invalid pensioners of the navy, and pay to him the sum of ninety-six dollars per annum; the said pension to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty, and continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLXV.—*An Act for the Relief of George W. Torrence.*

Geo. W. Torrence to be paid \$1,574 in full.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to George W. Torrence, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand five hundred and seventy-four dollars, in full compensation for his gallant military services at the National Bridge, Mexico, on the ninth of September, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and for extraordinary expenses incurred by him in consequence of wounds received by him in the United States service.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CLXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Andrew H. Patterson.*

Andrew H. Patterson to be paid \$6,802, for mail bags.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay to Andrew H. Patterson, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six thousand eight hundred and two dollars, for mail bags manufactured by him under a contract with the Post-Office Department entered into on the twenty-third of May, eighteen hundred and forty.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CLXXVII.—*An Act granting a Pension to Joseph McCormick.*

Joseph McCormick to be placed on pension roll for life, at \$4 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Joseph McCormick, of the State of Virginia, upon the invalid pension roll, at the rate of four dollars per month, to commence on the first day of

January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

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CHAP. CLXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Stephen Lutz, of New York.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury do refund and pay to Stephen Lutz, of New York, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred dollars, with interest, at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the tenth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, being the amount paid by him for thirty-one cases, containing machinery and apparatus for the light, or lantern of a light-house, imported into the port of New York, in the United States, and which were, through mistake or inadvertence, sold by public sale, made by the direction of the then collector of the port of New York, as being property liable to the payment of duties, and which had remained in public store for more than nine months without being claimed by any person, and on which no duties or expenses of storage had been paid. The said Lutz having been the highest bidder at the said sale of the said machinery and apparatus, and the amount of his bid having been paid into the public treasury, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to refund to the said Stephen Lutz the costs and expenses to which he was put, and did pay, in and about the defence of his right and title to the said machinery and apparatus so offered for sale by the collector of the port of New York, and purchased by the said Lutz, as aforesaid.

Repayment to  
Stephen Lutz.

His costs and  
expenses to be  
paid.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

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CHAP. CLXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas C. Ramsey, and Ananias O. Richardson, and James McLaughlin.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the pensions now received by Thomas C. Ramsey and Ananias O. Richardson, of the State of Tennessee, and James McLaughlin, of Virginia, be each increased eight dollars per month, so that their pensions shall each be sixteen dollars per month, instead of eight dollars each, and that the said increase shall commence on and be allowed from the nineteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Pensions of T.  
C. Ramsay, A.  
O. Richardson  
and James Mc-  
Laughlin in-  
creased.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

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CHAP. CLXXX.—*An Act to continue the Pension of Frances E. Baden.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the pension granted to Frances E. Baden, by the act of Congress entitled "An act for the relief of Frances E. Baden," approved March second, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, be, and the same is hereby, continued for five years from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Pension of  
Frances E. Ba-  
den continued.  
1853, ch. 86.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

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CHAP. CLXXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Lieutenant Andrew Finly.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay to Nancy

Payment to  
Nancy Hough. Hough, formerly Nancy Finly, for herself and the heirs of Andrew Finly, late a lieutenant in the Pennsylvania line in the continental establishment of the war of the Revolution, one year's extra pay of a lieutenant in said service, as promised in the resolves of Congress, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CLXXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of Ferdinand Clark.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the duties imposed by the act of June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An act concerning tonnage upon Spanish vessels," on the Spanish brig Conde de Villanueva, Captain Carlos de Agao, and paid to the collector of the port of Charleston, in South Carolina, previous to the clearance of said vessel from that port for Cuba, on the eleventh of September, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, with a cargo of rice and lard, be, and the same are hereby, refunded to Ferdinand Clark, the owner of said brig, she having been wrecked on the coast of Florida, on the seventeenth of the same month, and lost, with the greater portion of her cargo.

Duties to be  
refunded to Fer-  
dinand Clark.  
1834, ch. 170.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the amount hereby refunded to the said Ferdinand Clark shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

March 3, 1855. CHAP. CLXXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas S. Johnson, of the Territory of New Mexico.*

T. S. J. Johnson  
to be paid  
\$4,800.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States be required to cause to be paid to Thomas S. J. Johnson, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four thousand and eight hundred dollars, in full compensation for thirty-two wagons, the property of the said Thomas S. J. Johnson, taken by the officers of the United States army, and appropriated to necessary public use.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CLXXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Titian R. Peale.*

Titian R. Peale  
to be paid  
\$1,782.20.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seventeen hundred and eighty-two dollars and twenty cents, to be paid to Titian R. Peale, of Philadelphia, or his legal representative, in full payment for the losses which he sustained of his private property when wrecked in the United States ship Peacock, at the mouth of the Columbia River.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CLXXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Thomas Park, deceased.*

Payment to  
representatives  
of Thomas Park  
in full.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to the legal representatives of Thomas Park, deceased, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of eight hundred dollars, said sum of eight hundred dollars being the amount and value of certain sails and



rigging sold by the said Thomas Park to Captain Harding, as agent of the United States, during the revolutionary war: *Provided*, that the said sum shall be received in full of all demands against the government on this account.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

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CHAP. CLXXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Jephtha L. Heminger.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior cause the name of Jephtha L. Heminger to be placed upon the roll of invalid pensioners, and to pay him at the rate of eight dollars per month during his natural life, commencing on the first of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

Jephtha A. Heminger to be placed on pension roll for life, at \$8 per month, from Jan 1, 1853.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

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CHAP. CLXXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Franklin Chase.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to adjust and settle the claim of Franklin Chase, for a share of the proceeds of the sale of the schooner Oregon and cargo, seized and confiscated in the month of April, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, under the President's regulations of the first of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, at the port of Tampico, during the war with Mexico, and to pay the amount of said claim, out of any money in the treasury, arising from military contributions collected in Mexico, in pursuance of the regulations of the President before referred to, not exceeding the collector's share: *Provided*, That before any money is paid in this case, any claim submitted by the owners of the vessel before mentioned, for the remission of the penalty and payment of the proceeds under the confiscation, shall first be duly examined and decided by the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President of the United States.

Settlement of account of Franklin Chase.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

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CHAP. CLXXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Paul S. Ridgway, of Ohio.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby required to place the name of Paul S. Ridgway, of Ohio, upon the pension roll, and cause to be paid to him the sum of eight dollars per month for and during the term of his natural life, commencing June first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

P. S. Ridgway to be placed on pension roll for life, at \$8 per month, from June 1, 1854.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

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CHAP. CLXXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of William A. Christian.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury are hereby directed to allow to Purser William A. Christian, in the settlement of his accounts, the sum of two thousand six hundred and forty-three dollars and seventy-four cents, being the amount disallowed him in former settlements of his accounts for payments made to the warrant officers of the United States steamship Princeton.

Wm. A. Christian to be allowed \$2,643.74 in his account.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

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CHAP. CXC. — *An Act for the Relief of Jesse French, of Braintree, Massachusetts.*

Jesse French to be placed on pension roll for life, at \$4 per month, from Jan. 1, 1852.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be hereby instructed to place the name of Jesse French on the pension roll, at the rate of four dollars per month, commencing on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, to be continued during his life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

March 3, 1855.

1854, ch. 266.

CHAP. CXCI. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the Relief of George M. Bentley, of the State of Indiana," approved August five, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.*

Pension of George M. Bentley.

1854, ch. 266.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That no payments shall be made to George M. Bentley after the fourth March, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, under an act entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Bentley, of the State of Indiana," approved August five, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, until the claim and the right to a pension of the said Bentley shall have been presented to the Commissioner of Pensions, supported by evidence, and by said commissioner approved and allowed under the rules and regulations governing the examination and allowance of invalid pension claims for disabilities contracted in the Mexican war.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CXCII. — *An Act for the Relief of Mrs. Irene G. Scarritt.*

Mrs. Irene G. Scarritt to be placed on widow's half-pay roll, for five years, at \$25 per month from July 1, 1855.

Proviso.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Mrs. Irene G. Scarritt, widow of J. M. Scarritt, deceased, late an officer in the United States army, upon the list of widows entitled to half-pay, and pay her the sum of twenty-five dollars per month, commencing on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and continuing for five years: *Provided,* That in case of her death or intermarriage before the expiration of said term of five years, then the pension hereby granted shall inure to the benefit of the child or children of said J. M. Scarritt, deceased, under sixteen years of age, if such there be: and if there be none such, then the same shall cease.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CXCIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Madalena Van Ness, widow of Cornelius P. Van Ness, deceased.*

Mrs. M. Van Ness to be paid \$9,000.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of nine thousand dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid to Mrs. Madalena Van Ness, widow of Cornelius P. Van Ness, deceased, in consideration of services rendered by the said Cornelius P. Van Ness, in the seizure of goods imported into the district of Vermont, in violation of the laws of the United States, during the years eighteen hundred and thirteen and eighteen hundred and fourteen, while he was collector of the customs for said district, and for which service he did not receive the award provided by law in such cases.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CXCV. — *An Act for the Relief of James Holstin.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That James Holstin, of Indiana, be, and he hereby is, authorized to enter in legal subdivisions, free of cost, one hundred and sixty acres of any of the public lands of the United States subject to private entry at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; and, upon the return of a certificate therefor by the legally constituted officers, the Commissioner of the General Land-Office shall issue a patent in favour of said Holstin for the land so entered: *Provided,* That the same shall be in full satisfaction for losses sustained by said Holstin on account of the erroneous location made by him with military bounty-land warrant number eight thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, at the Vincennes land-office, on the first day of February, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

James Holstin  
authorized to  
enter certain  
land.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CXCVI. — *An Act for the Relief of the Widow of W. Irving, deceased.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be allowed and paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Sarah Irving, the widow of William Irving, deceased, the sum of four hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents, in full for the services of said Irving as acting superintendent of the Census Department, in addition to the amount which he has already received as clerk of the said department, for and during the same period that he discharged the duties of superintendent of said department.

Sarah Irving  
to be paid  
\$466.67.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CXCVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Mrs. Nancy Weatherford, Widow of Colonel Wm. Weatherford, of the First Regiment Illinois Volunteers in the Mexican War.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Nancy Weatherford, widow of William Weatherford, colonel of the first regiment Illinois volunteers in the Mexican war, upon the roll of pensioners of the United States, and pay to her the sum of thirty dollars per month, to commence on the day of the death of the said Colonel William Weatherford, and continue for five years: *Provided,* That she shall be entitled to the benefit of any general act of Congress which may hereafter be passed, extending or continuing the half-pay of widows, as if she had been placed on the pension roll under the provisions of the act entitled "An act amending the act entitled 'An Act granting half-pay to widows or orphans, where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States,' in case of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers, passed July fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-six," approved July twenty-one, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

Nancy Weatherford to be placed on pension roll at \$30 per month, for four years.

Proviso.

1848, ch. 108.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CXCVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of L. R. Lyon, and Dean S. Howard, of the State of New York.*

March 3, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States cause to be paid to L. R. Lyon, and Dean S. Howard, late partners under the name and style of Lyon and Howard, of the State of New York, or to their legal representatives, out of any money

Payment to  
Lyon and How-  
ard for dredging  
machine.

in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of eight thousand six hundred and seventeen dollars, and eighty-one cents, in full for the balance due them for constructing a dredging machine at Whitehall, New York, under contract entered into on the second day of November, eighteen hundred and thirty-six; and a dredging machine to be delivered at Monroe, in the State of Michigan, by contract entered into on the fifteenth of October, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

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Jan. 31, 1855. CHAP. CCV.—*An Act for the Relief of Frederic Vincent, Administrator of James le Caze, survivor of Le Caze and Mallet.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to Frederic Vincent, administrator of James le Caze, the sum of four thousand eight hundred and ninety-six dollars and eighty-two cents, which sum appears to be due to him on the books of the treasury for advances made to the government of the United States, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three; *Provided*, That the same shall be received in full of all demands against the Government on this account.

APPROVED, January 31, 1855.

F. Vincent,  
administrator of  
J. le Caze, to be  
paid \$4,896.82  
with interest,  
from Dec. 31,  
1846.

## RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 1.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of the Children of Captain Thomas Porter, deceased.* Dec. 14, 1854.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper officer be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to the administrator of Captain Thomas Porter, deceased, out of the money appropriated for the payment of invalid pensions, the amount of pension due the said Captain Thomas Porter, on the day of his decease, by virtue of an act of Congress, passed on the fifth day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, to be, by the said administrator, distributed to the children of the said Captain Thomas Porter, in the same manner as arrearages of pensions are distributed to the children of deceased pensioners.

Payment to  
administrator of  
Capt. Thomas  
Porter.

1854, ch. 250.

APPROVED, December 14, 1854.

[No. 3.] *Joint Resolution for the Settlement of the Claim of Don Juan Jesus Vigil, of New Mexico.* Dec. 19, 1854.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, authorized to cause to be audited the claim of Don Juan Jesus Vigil, for a flock of sheep seized from him by a detachment of troops in the service of the United States, in the month of January, eighteen hundred and forty-seven; and to make compensation to him for so many of said sheep as may have been used by said troops, or were lost to the owner in consequence of said seizure: *Provided,* That the whole amount of compensation allowed shall not exceed the sum of nine thousand dollars, and that the justice and equity of the allowance be established to the satisfaction of the auditing officer and the Secretary of War; and the amount so allowed shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Claim of Don  
J. J. Vigil to be  
audited and  
paid.

Proviso.

APPROVED, December 19, 1854.

[No. 8.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of Lieutenant J. C. Carter.* Feb. 13, 1855.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, in the settlement of his accounts, Lieutenant J. C. Carter shall be allowed such expenses as were incurred by him whilst acting as purser on board the ship Massachusetts, undergoing repairs at San Francisco: *Provided,* the amount shall not exceed the sum of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine dollars and five cents.

Settlement of  
accounts of Lt.  
J. C. Carter.

APPROVED, February 13, 1855.

[No. 10.] *Joint Resolution explanatory of the Act giving Compensation to Judges Wood-bridge and Chipman.* Feb. 17, 1855.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That chapter one hundred

Compensation  
of Judges Wood-  
bridge and Chip-  
man.

1854, ch. 180.

and eighty, of the private acts of the first session of the thirty-third Congress, entitled "An act to provide compensation for the services of George Morell, in adjusting titles to land in Michigan," approved August one, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, be construed so as to give to Judges Woodbridge and Chipman, named in said act, the compensation therein provided, only from the date of the termination of their appointments, as such judges.

APPROVED, February 17, 1855.

Feb. 24, 1855. [No. 11.]

*A Resolution for the Relief of Rebecca Hinton.*

Settlement of  
suit against bail  
of Otho Hinton,  
on payment of  
\$1,000 and costs.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the United States District Attorney for the district of Ohio, is hereby authorized to settle the suit pending in the circuit court for said district, against the bail of Otho Hinton, and to discharge the bail bond upon the payment of one thousand dollars, and the taxable costs of said suit.

APPROVED, February 24, 1855.

Feb. 24, 1855. [No. 12.]

*Joint Resolution in favor of William Monagan.*

Wm. Monagan,  
payment to.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to William Monagan thirty-six dollars and fifty cents, it being one fourth of the moneys awarded by the umpire on the claim of Martin, Sherlock, Monagan, and McCartney, reported to the twenty-third Congress at their first session.

APPROVED, February 24, 1855.

March 3, 1855. [No. 15.]

*Joint Resolution for the Relief of George W. McCerren.*

Settlement of  
claim of Geo. W.  
Mccerren.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to adjudicate and settle the claim of George W. McCerren, for such bread, beans, and pork, or bacon, in barrels, as were taken out of the possession of said McCerren, in eighteen hundred and forty-seven, by order of the commanding officer of the United States army in command at Brazos St. Jago, and used in the construction of Fort Harney; and that the value of said articles or provisions, when ascertained by the Secretary of War, be paid to the said George W. McCerren, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

March 3, 1855.

[No. 16.] *Joint Resolution to pay the Pension due James Capen to his Administrator.*

1854, ch. 257.

Whereas, at the last session of Congress, an act was passed granting a pension to James Capen, of eight dollars per month, commencing on the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, who is now dead, and in order to secure said pension to his representatives,

Payment of  
pension of James  
Capen to his  
administrator.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper officer is hereby directed to pay to the administrator of James Capen, deceased, out of the money appropriated for payment of invalid pensions, the amount of pension due the said Capen by act of Congress of fifth day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

1854, ch. 257.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

[No. 17.] *A Resolution explanatory of an Act entitled "An Act for the Relief of Abigail Stafford."* March 3, 1855.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in making payment under the act of Congress entitled "An act for the relief of Abigail Stafford," the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to settle the same in conformity with the resolution passed by Congress on the third day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-four.*

Amendment of  
act of 1863,  
ch. 35.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

[No. 18.] *Joint Resolution for the Final Adjustment of the Account of John D. Colmesnil.* March 3, 1855.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be directed to cause the account of John D. Colmesnil, President of the Ohio and Mississippi Mail Line Company, to be reexamined, for the purpose of determining whether any further compensation is due, in law or equity, to said John D. Colmesnil, and to pay to him such sum as may be adjudged to be due, for the use of himself and associates, out of any funds in the treasury appropriated to the transportation of the mails; the decision of the department being subject, as in all other cases, to the proviso of the eighth section of the act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, entitled "An act to change the organization of the Post-Office Department, and to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts thereof."*

ReExamination  
of accounts of  
John D. Col-  
mesnil.

1836, ch. 270.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

[No. 19.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of James Hughes.* March 3, 1855.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to adjudicate and settle the claim of James Hughes, of Madison county, Tennessee, for such clothing as was furnished by him to a company of volunteers engaged in the Seminole war, commanded first by Captain Alexander B. Bradford, and afterwards by Captain Jesse McMahon, and that the value of said clothing, when ascertained by the Secretary of War, be paid to the said James Hughes, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.*

Settlement of  
claim of James  
Hughes.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

[No. 20.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of Joel Henry Dyer.* March 3, 1855.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury pay to Joel Henry Dyer, who was a private in Captain Alexander Baler's company of Tennessee volunteers, in the Seminole war, the sum of eight hundred and twenty dollars and forty-three cents, in full satisfaction for the services of said Joel Henry Dyer as judge-advocate in the regiment, in said war, commanded by Colonel Alexander B. Bradford, less the amount which has been paid said Dyer for his services as a private in said company.*

Joel H. Dyer  
to be paid  
\$820.43, less his  
pay as a soldier.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

[No. 21.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of John Dugan.* March 3, 1855.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the In-*

John Dugan to have certain pay, and a bounty land warrant. terior issue to John Dugan, late a private in Company C, Mississippi volunteers, in the Mexican war, a bounty-land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land ; and also that the proper accounting officer of the Treasury Department pay to said John Dugan the arrears of pay and extra pay that would be due to him, as though it had not been marked opposite his name on the rolls of said company, "absent without leave."

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

March 3, 1855. [No. 22.]

*Joint Resolution for the Relief of Clark Mills.*

Advance to Clark Mills for an equestrian statue.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States cause the sum of five thousand dollars to be advanced to Clark Mills, in addition to the sum already advanced out of the fifty thousand dollars appropriated by the act of January twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, "To erect at the Capitol of the nation an equestrian statue of Washington," on the personal application and receipt of the said Mills.

1853, ch. 30.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.